

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the second paragraph of page 10 of the specification with the following substitute paragraph:

Further unexpectedly, it has been found that it is not necessary or required that the compound ~~by be~~ sterically unhindered as proposed by DiMarchi for the compound to function as a ~~eyante cyanate~~ scavenger. Compounds selected from a group of non-ethylene diamine like compounds that varied sterical constraints around the amino group inhibit and/or delay carbamylation of peptides/proteins with comparable results. In an embodiment, the compound is selected from the group consisting of glyciamide, histidine, 4-hydroxyl proline, Glycine-Glycine (Gly-Gly), and Glycine-Histidine (Gly-His).